

IC 20-43-9**Chapter 9. Primetime Program****IC 20-43-9-1****Purpose**

Sec. 1. The primetime program is established to provide money to encourage school corporations to lower the pupil/teacher ratio in kindergarten through grade 3.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-2**Restriction of use of grant**

Sec. 2. The amount received under this chapter shall be devoted to reducing class size in kindergarten through grade 3.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-3**Administration**

Sec. 3. The primetime program shall be administered by the state board.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-4**Staff cost; guaranteed primetime amount; count; licensed teachers; instructional aides**

Sec. 4. For purposes of computation under this chapter, the following shall be used:

(1) The staff cost amount for a school corporation is sixty-nine thousand eight hundred eleven dollars (\$69,811).

(2) The guaranteed primetime amount for a school corporation is the primetime allocation, before any penalty is assessed under this chapter, that the school corporation would have received under this chapter for the 1999 calendar year or the first year of participation in the program, whichever is later.

(3) The following apply to determine whether amounts received under this chapter have been devoted to reducing class size in kindergarten through grade 3 as required by section 2 of this chapter:

(A) Except as permitted under section 8 of this chapter, only a licensed teacher who is an actual classroom teacher in a regular instructional program is counted as a teacher.

(B) If a school corporation is granted approval under section 8 of this chapter, the school corporation may include as one-third (1/3) of a teacher each classroom instructional aide who meets qualifications and performs duties prescribed by the state board.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-5**Eligibility; implementation of primetime program**

Sec. 5. In order to receive a distribution under this chapter, a school corporation must implement the primetime program in the following order:

- (1) Grade 1.
- (2) Grade 2.
- (3) Grade 3 or kindergarten.
- (4) The grade not chosen under subdivision (3).

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

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Calculation; grant amount

Sec. 6. A school corporation's primetime distribution for a calendar year under this chapter is the amount determined by the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the applicable target pupil/teacher ratio for the school corporation as follows:

(A) If the school corporation's complexity index is less than one and one-tenth (1.1), the school corporation's target pupil/teacher ratio is eighteen to one (18:1).

(B) If the school corporation's complexity index is at least one and one-tenth (1.1) but less than one and two-tenths (1.2), the school corporation's target pupil/teacher ratio is fifteen (15) plus the result determined in item (iii) to one (1):

(i) Determine the result of one and two-tenths (1.2) minus the school corporation's complexity index.

(ii) Determine the item (i) result divided by one-tenth (0.1).

(iii) Determine the item (ii) result multiplied by three (3).

(C) If the school corporation's complexity index is at least one and two-tenths (1.2), the school corporation's target pupil/teacher ratio is fifteen to one (15:1).

STEP TWO: Determine the result of:

(A) the ADM of the school corporation in kindergarten through grade 3 for the current school year; divided by

(B) the school corporation's applicable target pupil/teacher ratio, as determined in STEP ONE.

STEP THREE: Determine the result of:

(A) the total target revenue for 2006 and 2007 multiplied by seventy-five hundredths (0.75); divided by

(B) the school corporation's total ADM.

STEP FOUR: Determine the result of:

(A) the STEP THREE result; multiplied by

(B) the ADM of the school corporation in kindergarten through grade 3 for the current school year.

STEP FIVE: Determine the result of:

(A) the STEP FOUR result; divided by

(B) the staff cost amount.

STEP SIX: Determine the greater of zero (0) or the result of:

(A) the STEP TWO amount; minus

(B) the STEP FIVE amount.

STEP SEVEN: Determine the result of:

(A) the STEP SIX amount; multiplied by

(B) the staff cost amount.

STEP EIGHT: Determine the greater of the STEP SEVEN amount or the school corporation's guaranteed primetime amount.

STEP NINE: A school corporation's amount under this STEP is the following:

(A) If the amount the school corporation received under this chapter in the previous calendar year is greater than zero (0), the amount under this STEP is the lesser of:

(i) the STEP EIGHT amount; or

(ii) the amount the school corporation received under this chapter for the previous calendar year multiplied by one hundred seven and one-half percent (107.5%).

(B) If the amount the school corporation received under this chapter in the previous calendar year is not greater than zero (0), the amount under this STEP is the STEP EIGHT amount.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-7

Report; class size

Sec. 7. A school corporation shall compile class size data for kindergarten through grade 3 and report the data to the department for purposes of maintaining compliance with this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-8

Conditions; counting instructional aides

Sec. 8. (a) The state board shall approve the counting of classroom instructional aides as teachers under this chapter if the school corporation can substantiate each year that providing adequate classroom space for the attainment of the school corporation's target pupil/teacher ratio creates an unreasonable hardship for that school corporation.

(b) If a school corporation qualifies under subsection (a) for classroom instructional aides, the school corporation shall present to the state board a plan concerning that school corporation's instructional aides program.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

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Application

Sec. 9. School corporations shall apply for money under this chapter:

(1) on a form prescribed; and

(2) on or before the date designated;

by the state board.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-10**Evaluation of program**

Sec. 10. The state board shall evaluate the effectiveness of the primetime program and shall monitor compliance by school corporations with this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.

IC 20-43-9-11**Rules**

Sec. 11. The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.166.